



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 253

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House Bill No. 5364

House of Representatives, April 4, 2012

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. FOX, G. of the 146th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "NOTARIAL ACT".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of section 3-94a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2012*):

4 (3) "Notarial act" or "notarization" means any act that a notary
5 public is empowered to perform under the general statutes and
6 includes taking an acknowledgment, administering an oath or
7 affirmation, witnessing or attesting a signature and certifying or
8 attesting a copy.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	3-94a(3)
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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which expands the definition of “notarial act”, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5364*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF "NOTARIAL ACT".*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows notaries public to certify or attest a copy of a document, in addition to their existing authority under the law.

The law defines a "notarial act" or "notarization" as any act that a notary public is empowered to perform under the general statutes. The bill provides that such acts include taking an acknowledgement, administering an oath or affirmation, witnessing or attesting a signature, and certifying or attesting a copy. Under current law, notaries public lack the authority to certify or attest a copy.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 42 Nay 0 (03/21/2012)